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Title:

Device And Method For Mounting A Saddle Hub On A Pipe And

Corresponding Tap

CERTIFICATE OF MAIL

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 USC 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

Hon. Commissioner for Patents & Trademarks Box PCT Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements (copy included herewith) received on July 20, 2000, the applicants hereby submit the following:

- 1) Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages), signed by inventor Jacky Helle only;
- 2) Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(e), small entity (\$65.00). See included PTO 2038;
- 3) Petition for a four-month extension of time, small entity, and 1.17(a)(4) fee of \$695 therefor. See included PTO 2038.
- 4) Affidavit under 37 CFR 1.42(a) (2 pages) explaining lack of signature of inventor

Mr. Alain Calca on Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney listed at 1) above;

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5) Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements (1 page);

Respectfully submitted,

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cancelled. Note processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date. 5. The Article 19 amendments are cancelled since a translation was not provided by the appropriate 20 (37 CFR 1.494(d)) or 30 (37 CFR 1.495(d)) months from the priority date.

Applicant is reminded that any communication to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above. (37 CFR 1.5)
A copy of this notice MUST be returned with this response. Enclosed: PCT/DO/EO/917 Notice of Defective Translation Francine Young PTO-875 FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 (December 1997) Paralegal Specialist (703) 305-3662